

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Commission
Monday, December 21, 2015 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, D. Young, L. Weaver. Alternates: P. Miller, J. Hermonot,

- I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:10 p.m.
- II. Assignment of Alternates:** None needed.
- III. Public Participation:** None
- IV. Minutes of the Oct meeting:** R. Norman moved to accept the minutes. L. Weaver seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- V. Old Business:**
 - **Ag Member on OSLAFP** – S Morse to be rep
 - **Forrest Pritchard Presentation** – P Miller spoke about the importance of consumer education
 - **Town owned Properties Map** – will ultimately get a map of all non-privately held land, would like to have a map with soils, acres and who controls RE all on one map.
- VI. New Business**
 - **2016 meeting schedule** – all meetings are Mondays at 1:00PM at the Woodstock Town Hall
 - i. 1/25, 2/8, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19, may consider skipping December meeting
 - **2016 Budget** – proposed and approved \$1,000 budget with 10 hrs at \$50/hr for map research and the remainder for misc exp.
 - **P&Z Planning Meetings** – look for revised language for Equestrian Academies, accessory apartments, concern about 1000ft frontage per curb cut, 50% set aside of usable land, sub-dividers should bear the responsibility to address setbacks when adjacent to agricultural land
 - **Guidelines for Development of Former Ag Properties** – State already has guidelines in place so felt no reason to add additional regulations
 - **Agricultural Easements** – referring back to CT Farm Bureau.
 - **Other**
 - **Property Tax relief signup deadline was 11/2/15.** Discussion about the \$100,000 building exemption and application is due annually with no exceptions.
- VII. Adjourn**
 - The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.